

## ABOUT THE ONE FUND

The One Fund Drive is the District government's only official charitable fund-raiser. D.C. government employees pledge their support annually to not-for-profit, charitable organizations in the Washington area.

The District government has authorized the United Black Fund, Inc. of Greater Washington, D.C. and the United Way of the National Capital Area to serve as the campaign administrators of the 50th D.C. One Fund Drive. The District of Columbia government will continue to have policy management and fiscal responsibility for the One Fund Drive. The One Fund lists over 700 tax-exempt, charitable organizations that will benefit from your generosity in this year's drive.

Many employees find that spreading their donations over the year through payroll deduction makes it easier to support the D.C. One Fund Drive. Donations to the D.C. One Fund can also be made by check or cash. Regardless of the payment method you select, your generous contribution helps to make our community a better place in which to live and work.

You may choose to designate your gift to one or more agencies by writing the four or five digit code in the appropriate box or boxes on the pledge card.

Campaign-related expenses, including the annual audit, are funded first by undesignated contributions and second by designated contributions to the extent that undesignated contributions are insufficient. Undesignated contributions remaining after campaign-related expenses, if any, are applied to the Mayor's Emergency Assistance Fund (up to \$50,000). Any remaining undesignated contributions are distributed to participating agencies in amounts based on the percentage of their designated pledges to total designated pledges in the campaign.

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<sup>1</sup> The One Fund has an annual approved budget, which covers the cost of printing pledge cards, brochures, posters, campaign video, kickoff special events, and other campaign related materials. All agencies in the One Fund pay an administrative fee to the federations as part of their membership. United Way agencies are charged a flat 10% processing fee for designations.

# YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

When District government employees make contributions to not-for-profit organizations, your dollars immediately go to work. Listed below are just a few of the direct services that your dollars provide.

## **\$1 a week (\$52 a year):**

- Twenty weeks of lunches for a homeless person.
- Three hours of respite care for a cancer patient.
- Flu shots for three uninsured senior citizens.
- One week of job counseling for immigrant newcomers.

## **\$5 a week (\$260 a year):**

- Pneumonia vaccinations for 10 senior citizens.
- Fifty-two home safety education kits for families with young children.
- Groceries for three families of four for a week.
- Weekly credit counseling for five homeless families.

## **\$10 a week (\$520 a year):**

- Fifteen cases of nutritional supplements for HIV and AIDS patients.
- Feeds 100 at-risk pre-schoolers and their families during four activity nights.
- Six months of health education/awareness for the refugee community.
- Trains one volunteer to work with the terminally ill.
- Ten medical visits for an uninsured person.
- One week of summer camp for six low-income children.
- Employment counseling for 15 people.

## **\$25 a week (\$ 1,300 a year):**

- Emergency food, lodging and clothing (including diapers and baby formula) for a family of four displaced due to a disaster.
- Four bags of groceries a week for a year for one indigent family.
- Psychological evaluation services for 24 special-needs children.
- Free legal services for 30 hours for a victim of domestic violence.
- Feeding and care for approximately 800 people, for one week, following a major disaster.

## **MAKING YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

As a D.C. government employee, your decision to participate in the One Fund Drive is personal and voluntary. Employees are encouraged to consider pledging based on the “fair share giving” concept. Fair Share Givers donate 1% of their annual gross salary to the D.C. One Fund Drive. However, the decision to give any amount should be made by the individual. The goal of the 50th D.C. One Fund Drive is to achieve 100 percent participation by District government employees.

You may make a contribution by cash, check payable to the D.C. One Fund Drive, or through payroll deduction. Below are some points to follow when making your contribution. Please indicate on your pledge card:

- The annual amount you are contributing;
- The four or five digit designation code(s) for agencies you have selected as designees;
- Your signature to authorize payroll deduction;
- Your signature and address if you wish to receive an acknowledgement from a recipient agency that you designated;
- Your initials and address, where indicated, if you are a Fair Share Giver, and;
- Verify pre-printed information, making corrections as needed.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to receive disbursements from the 50th D.C. One Fund Drive, all participating agencies must have a 501 (c) 3, tax-exempt status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service; must meet the highest organizational and fiscal standards and; meet other eligibility criteria determined by the District of Columbia One Fund Eligibility Committee.